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8	DISTRICT OF NEVADA	
9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
10	,	) 2:20-cr-00156-010
11	Plaintiff,	) STIPULATION TO CONTINUE
12	vs.	) SENTENCING ) (First Request)
13	JOSE GERARDO CORTEZ-DIAZ,	) (First Request)
14	Defendant.	)
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED	AND AGREED, by and between JACOB
18	OPERSKALSKI, Assistant United States Attorney, counsel for Plaintiff, and BENJAMIN	
19	DURHAM, counsel for Defendant, that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 11,	
20	2023, be vacated and continued for approximately 30 days.	
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22	This Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:	
23	1. Defense counsel needs additional time to prepare and complete certain tasks	
24	related to sentencing mitigation in order to effectively represent Mr. Cortez-Diaz at the	
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	time of sentencing.	
27	2. Defense counsel has a scheduling conflict on the current sentencing date.	
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1 3. All parties agree to the continuance. 2 4. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay. 3 5. Additionally, denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage 4 of justice. 5 6. This is the first request to continue sentencing filed herein. 6 7 DATED this 3rd day of July 2023. 8 BENJAMIN DURHAM LAW FIRM JASON FRIERSON 9 **United States Attorney** 10 11 /s/ Benjamin Durham /s/ Jacob Operskalski 12 **BENJAMIN DURHAM** JACOB OPERSKALSKI Nevada Bar No. 7684 **Assistant United States Attorney** 13 601 S.Rancho Dr. Ste B14 501 Las Vegas Blvd South Suite 1100 14 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorney for Defendant Attorney for Plaintiff 15 16 17 18 /// 19 /// 20 /// 21 /// 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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10 11	) 2:20-cr-00156-10 Plaintiff, )	
12	vs.	
13	JOSE GERARDO CORTEZ-DIAZ, )	
14	) Defendant. )	
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17	FINDINGS OF FACT	
18	Based on the pending stipulation of counsel, and good cause appearing, the Cour	
19	finds:	
20	1. Defense counsel needs additional time to prepare and complete certain tasks	
21	related to sentencing mitigation in order to effectively represent Mr. Cortez-Diaz at the time	
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23	of sentencing.	
24	2. Defense counsel has a scheduling conflict on the current sentencing date.	
25	3. All parties agree to the continuance.	
26	4. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay.	
27	5. Additionally, denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage	
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of justice.

6. This is the first request to continue sentencing filed herein.

For all of the above-stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be served by a continuance of the sentencing.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The ends of justice served by granting said continuance outweigh the best interest of the public, since the failure to grant said continuance would be likely to result in a miscarriage of justice, would deny the parties herein sufficient time and the opportunity within which to be able to effectively and thoroughly prepare for sentencing, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 11, 2023 be continued to \_August 29, 2023 at 10:00 am

Dated this the 6th of July, 2023.

